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SUBJ: DAOUD VISIT AND UPCOMING NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCES

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1. THOUGH WE AS YET HAVE NO YUGOSLAV READ-OUT ON DAOUD VISIT, FOCUS OF LATTER'S EXTENSIVE TALKS HERE LAST WEEK WITH TITO AND FEC PRES DJURANOVIC APPEARS, IN ADDITION TO BILATERAL MATTERS, TO HAVE BEEN ON PROBLEMS CURRENTLY AFFLICTING THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT (NAM) AND PREPARATIONS FOR UPCOMING NAM CON-
FERENCES IN KABUL, BELGRADE AND HAVANA. FROM PUBLISHED STATEMENTS AND EXTENSIVE PRESS REPORTING THE FOLLOWING POINTS STAND OUT AS OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO NAM WATCHERS.

2. NTTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE. IN HIS TOAST TITO CRITICISED "THE MOST DEVELOPED NATIONS" FOR FAILING TO EXHIBIT "A REAL READINESS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF MORE JUST INTER-
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NATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS". DAOUD'S EMPHASIS HOWEVER, WAS ON NEED FOR "SINCERE AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION WITH THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES" AS ONE OF THE "IMPORTANT AND EFFECTIVE MEANS" FOR REMEDYING LDC PROBLEMS. DAOUD AND DJURANOVIC REPORTEDLY AGREED THAT "ONLY WAY" TO REVERSE WORSENING RELATIVE POSITION OF LDCS IS THROUGH "CONTINUATION OF THE DIALOGUE BETWEEN" THE DCS AND LDCS. "YUGOSLAVIA AND AFGHANISTAN BELIEVE THAT THE CONTINUA-

TION OF THE DIALOGUE SHOULD BE KEPT IN THE ALREADY EXISTING AND ESTABLISHED MECHANISMS: THROUGH THE UN GROUP OF 77 AND SIMILAR FORUMS AND ORGANIZATIONS." INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS WERE CGNETHELESS PROMISED A "VERY VISIBLE PLACE" AT BOTH KABUL AND BELGRADE MEETINGS. (NOTE: TONE OF JOINT FORMULATIONS ON N/S DIALOGUE WAS MORE CONCILIATORY THAN ONE WOULD EXPECT FROM YUGOSLAVS ALONE. DEGREE TO WHICH GOY IN JOINT PUBLIC STATEMENTS CONCEDED INITIATIVE AMONG LDCS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES TO NON-NAM FORUMS, PARTICULARLY G-77, WAS ALSO SOMEWHAT SURPRISING.)

3. MIDDLE EAST. TITO AND DAOUD BOTH CALLED FOR ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES, AND REALIZATION OF RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS, INCLUDING RIGHT TO INDEPENDENT STATE. TITO, HOWEVER, ADDED THIRD POINT OF "RECOGNITION OF RIGHTS OF ALL STATES IN THE REGION, INCLUDING ISRAEL, TO EXISTENCE AND SECURITY." COMMUNIQUE INCLUDED FIRST TWO OF AFOREMENTIONED POINTS AND, AS THIRD POINT, "ENSURING THE EXISTENCE AND SECURITY OF ALL STATES OF THE REGION, INCLUDING ISRAEL". COMMUNIQUE ALSO REFERRED TO NEED FOR "ARAB COOPERATION AND UNITY" AND FOR PLO'S PARTICIPATION IN RESOLUTION OF ME PROBLEMS AS "REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE". OMISSION OF USUAL QUALIFIER "THE SOLE LEGITIVETE" IN DESCRIPTION OF PLO AS PALESTIN PNS' REPRESENTATIVE MAY OR MAY NOT BE SIGNIFICANT. THAT ARAB-ISRAELI QUESTION WAS DAOUD'S HIGHEST PRIORITY TOPIC HERE, AS AFGHANI FONMIN SUGGESTED IT WOULD BE, (REFTEL) APPEARS DOUBTFUL, AT LEAST ON INITIAL READING OF VISIT.

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4. '79 HAVANA SUMMIT. TITO'S AND DAOUD'S MENTION OF HAVANA SUMMIT IN TOASTS WAS LIMITED TO ITS MERE INCLUSION AMONG FORTHCOMING NAM CONFERENCES. HAVANA WAS NOT MENTIONED IN PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE, DESPITE COMMUNIQUE'S REFERENCE TO COLOMBO AND OVERALL PRE-OCCUPATION WITH NAM AFFAIRS. WHETHER THERE IS ANY EVIDENCE IN THE FOREGOING OF THE RUMORED INCREASING CONCERN OF GOY WITH HAVANA'S SUITABILITY AS SUMMIT HOST IS OBVIOUSLY SPECULATIVE. ONE WOULD, HOWEVER, HAVE EXPECTED HAVANA SUMMIT'S ANTICIPATED SIGNIFICANCE TO BE LAUDED, AT LEAST PERFUNCTORILY.

5. NAM'S COHESION. TITO AND DAOUD REPORTEDLY AGREED THAT "PRIORITY AMONG PRIORITIES" IS TO "STRENGTHEN THE UNITY OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES ON ONE BROADLY SET "COMMON BASIS" AND THAT "BONDS OF UNITY AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES ARE DEEPER THAN THE DIFFERENCES WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THEM". NEVERTHELESS, THE TWO LEADERS' COCERN WITH THE NUMBER AND STRIDENCY OF CURRENT INTRA-NAM DISPUTES WAS REPEATEDLY REFLECTED IN EVEN THEIR PUBLISHED REMARKS. TITO PARTICULARLY DWELLED ON UNIDENTIFIED EXTERNAL "PRESSURES" ON THE MOVEMENT AIMED AT UNDERMINING ITS UNITY. TITO AND DAOUD REPORTEDLY CONCLUDED THAT THE "METHODS AND TACTICS" AIMED AT SOWING DISU MTY AMONG THE NA

ARE TODAY FAR BETTER "THOUGHT OUT" AND EXECUTED THAN WAS THE
CASE "FOUR OR FIVE YEAGK AGO". (NOTE: "PRESSURES" AIMED AT UNDER-
MINING NAM UNITY IS OF COURSE A STANDARD GOY AND SAMHJDEME,
ONE WHICH MAY BE EXPECTED TO RECEIVE INCREASING EMPHASIS IF,
AS NAM CON-
FERENCES DRAW NEAR,OPEN DISPUTES BETWEEN NAM MEMBERS,
INCLUDING "SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO INTENSIFY.)
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